

Appropriations and Finance Committee
LTBB Governmental Administration Building
Tribal Council Chambers
7500 Odawa Circle, Harbor Springs, MI 49740
Regular Meeting
January 16, 2018
1:00 p.m.

Call to Order: 1:14 p.m.

Committee Member Roll Call: Committee Chair Marcella Reyes, Committee Member Dexter McNamara, Committee Member Shanna Wemigwase

Absent: none

Tribal Councilors present: Tribal Council Secretary Kiogima, Councilor Shananaquet

Legislative Staff: Sr Financial Analyst Rachel Cope, Legislative Administrative Assistant Linda Gokee

Executive Staff/Official Present: Chief Financial Office Carrie Carlson, Grant Writers Amber Holt and Allison Simon, Vice-Chair Stella Kay, Interim Planning Director Amanda Swiss; Ziibimijwang, Inc. Board Member Kevin Donner

Guests: Tribal Citizen Petchiese Carol King, Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch, Tribal Citizen Bea Law

Agenda:

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adopt the agenda for January 16, 2018 as amended.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to approve the minutes of as presented.

Discussion: Verified 'Official Present' taken from the sign in sheets.

Vote: 3 -yes, 0 -no, 0 -abstain, 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Phone Polls: 12/14/17 Motion to approve revised Tribal Resolution Supplemental funding for Ziibimijwang, Inc. in the amount of \$398,000.00

Committee Comments: Councilor Wemigwase states, "The farm board/Ziibimijwang has been operating without a stipend and I believe that they should be compensated for their efforts. There has been a great deal of time and effort into making the tribes farm successful and I believe this is a very reasonable amount for compensation."

Vote: 3 Yes, 0 No, 0 Abstained, 0 Absent
Motion Carries

New Business:

Discussion with the Executive's Chief Financial Officer (CFO) Carrie Carlson regarding the 2019 Budget Formulation Process Planning Calendar. CFO Carlson wasn't able to report on the December 31, 2017 General Fund Balance as they were waiting for final checks to come in. The Accounting Department is planning on distributing the templates and submission instructions to Branches/Departments on January 26, 2018 which is one week ahead of schedule.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion #012518-01 Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Transitional Housing Assistance Grants for Victims of Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, and Stalking FY 2018.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-02 Request for Funding from the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Road Maintenance Program Contract FY 2018.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-03 Request for funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, FY 2018 rights Protection Implementation.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-04 Request for Funds from the Bureau of Indian Affairs Conservation Law Enforcement Officers Funds.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Discussion on Certified Motion # 012518-05 Mental Health Block grant. Councilor Wemigwase is uncomfortable with the \$74,000 match for Indirect Costs and is unable to

vote yes due to tight budget restraints for FY 2018 and 2019. Grant Writer Amber Holt states, "Once the staff person receives training and becomes certified, their services can be billable". Vice-Chair Stella Kay suggests 3rd Party Pharmacy funds can be channeled to cover the Indirect Cost of \$74,000 to continue the program. Committee Chair Marcella R. Reyes and Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope both agree there needs to be a resolution to reflect Stella Kay's suggestion. The deadline for this grant is January 29, 2018. Certified Motion # 012518-05 is on hold so the grant writers can re-word the motion to reflect the 3rd Party funding.

Discussion on Certified Motion # 012518-06 FY 2018 Law Enforcement Services Non-Recurring Funds. Councilor Shananaquet inquired if this grant could be used for Wellness Checks for our Elders. Vice-Chair Stella Kay reports she has been discussing this issue with Tribal Chair Regina Gasco Bentley as to whom, Housing or Human Services, would be the better department to carry out this need. Grant Writer Amber Holt indicated this grant is for a one-time need versus an ongoing need such as a steel door into the evidence room at Law Enforcement for security purposes. Furthermore, Law Enforcement Chief Jeff Cobe would discuss with Direct Services Administrator Phil Harmon what his intent to use the grant money for before spending the one-time fund.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-06 Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services FY 2018 Law Enforcement Services Non-Recurring Funds.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-07 Request for Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs Forestry Development.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-08 Funding from the United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, 2017 Annual Contract, Funding Increase.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-09 Funding from the

United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, P.L. 93-638 Annual Funding Agreement, 2017 Annual Contract RPI, Funding Increase.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-10 Request for Funding from the United States Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), Little Traverse Bay Bands of Odawa Indians Rural Sexual Assault, Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Stalking Grant Program FY 2018.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-11 Request for funding from the U.S. Department of health and Human Services, Bemidji Area Indian Health Services Division of Environmental Services, Special Injury Prevention Project FY 2018.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

2:39 p.m. Break

3:03 p.m. Resume

3:04 p.m. Public Comment Opens

-Tribal Citizen Andrew Stitch inquired what is the cost for the Tribe to purchase R.B. Construction and the demolition cost for the Monroe Street property.

-Tribal Citizen Petchiese Carol King inquired why the Tribe has put so much money into the Ziibimijwang farm and will it be employing Tribal Citizens. Transportation for Tribal Citizens who are not Elders but are disabled. This was brought up in 2010, it is now 2018 and nothing has been accomplished. The Housing Department Director needs to help Tribal Citizens who are in dire need of housing due to homelessness. The Tribe needs affordable housing and we need to help our own people before spending money on hotels and farms.

-Tribal Citizen Bea Law believes the Executive needs to create a program that does not use grant money and is earmarked for Tribal Citizens needs that are not restricted by grant rules & policies. It is the Executive's responsibility to find solutions for these problems.

-Tribal Citizen John Martell (via email) inquired if the Tribe has emergency housing funds outside of the 27 County Service area.

3:32 p.m. Public Comment Closes

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve the revised Certified Motion # 012518-05 Acceptance of Funds as a sub-grantee from the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS), Mental Health Block Grant.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor Wemigwase and Supported by Councilor McNamara to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Tribal Resolution Supplemental Funding in the Amount of \$22,500.00 to remove the building on Monroe Street.

Discussion: Councilor Shananaquet would like this resolution to also include the verbiage "not to exceed \$22,500.00".

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Tribal Resolution The 3rd Party Support Revenues for Tribal Pharmacy.

Discussion: Councilor Wemigwase directed the Executive to begin drafting Policy and Procedures for hours of operation, staffing, and office closure.

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Discussion on the 2018 Government Operations Budget. Councilor Shananaquet questioned Vice-Chair Stella Kay if the 2018 budget will stand or will cuts need to be implemented. Stella has indicated the Executive is comfortable with the fund balance, no need to cut programs or staff. The budgets are tight and over all, they (Executive) will be okay.

Housing Program Specialist Linda "Kaye" Rowland presence is requested by Vice-Chair Stella Kay to answer Tribal Citizen John Martell and Councilor Wemigwase housing questions. The Housing Department is 100% covered by the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act (NAHASDA) grant and their guidelines only cover the Tribes 27 County Service Area. The Thirty (30) Day Transitional Housing policy was set by the department and can only be used "once in a lifetime". The department is currently working on a plan to try and extend this to a 90-day maximum stay and will have required stipulations.

Discussion on the donation request from new owner Fedor Fedorov for a section and a half of bleachers for the new expansion of the Griffin Arena in May. Mr. Fedorov is willing to offer free advertising for Odawa Casino Resort or free skate for Tribal Citizens. He is open to ideas. Appropriation and Finance Committee Chair Marcella R. Reyes has asked Vice Chair Stella Kay if the Executive's Donation Line Item could fulfill this

request. Stella indicates this line item, this year, is for political donations due to it being an election year. However, she would like a bleacher cost.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to recommend to Tribal Council to approve Certified Motion # 012518-12 Ziibimijwang, Inc. Request for Funding through the USDA-Natural Resource Conservation Service.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Motion made by Councilor McNamara and Supported by Councilor Wemigwase to acknowledge receipt of Sr. Financial Analyst Rachel Cope's verbal report.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Old Business: none

Closed Session: none

Adjourn

4:33 p.m. Motion made by Councilor McNamara and supported by Councilor Wemigwase to adjourn.

Discussion: none

Vote: 3 -yes 0 -no 0 -abstain 0 -absent

Motion carried.

Next Meeting Date (s)

Regular Meeting: February 13, 2018 at 1:00 p.m.